

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 and 10 are pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner conducted a telephone interview with Applicant's attorneys on August 31, 2005.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has again rejected Claims 1, 5-8, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lemaire et al.* (U.S. Patent Nos. 5,594,658 or 5,613,038), Claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lemaire* in view of *Klatt* ("Review of Text-To-Speech Conversion for English"), Claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lemaire* in view of *Klatt*, and further in view of *Marui* (U.S. Patent No. 4,959,850), and Claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lemaire* in view of *Gerson* (U.S. Patent No. 4,870,686).

As indicated above, independent Claims 1, 5, and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lemaire*. More specifically, in rejecting Claims 1 and 8, the Examiner again cites column 1, lines 40-67 of *Lemaire* as teaching a hands free kit circuitry for transmitting *a short message calling signal* to a handset. However, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is incorrect.

As previously presented and discussed during the above-identified telephone interview, the present invention, as recited in the claims of the present application, generally discloses an apparatus and method for synthesizing speech sounds. It is noted that a signal flow diagram has been enclosed herein, which is provided to assist the Examiner in understanding the basic operation of the present invention.

More specifically, the present invention discloses that a handset generates an alarm signal upon receipt of a short message and transmits the signal to a hands free kit. If the handset receives a short message calling signal, the handset transmits the short message to the hands free kit. That is, if the hands free kit receives the alarm signal and a user inputs a voice command, the hands free kit generates the short message calling signal and outputs the signal to the handset. Finally, after the hands free kit receives the short message from the handset, the hands free kit synthesizes the short message, and outputs it to the user.

However, in *Lemaire*, messages are continuously transmitted from a transmitter, which the Examiner is citing as an equivalent of the handset circuitry, to a receiver or group of receivers, which the Examiner is citing as an equivalent of the hands free kit circuitry. The receiver or receivers receive the broadcast signals and then save any message directed to them, based on a matching address, in order to play the messages when directed.

Therefore, as recited in Claims 1 and 8 of the present application, ***a short message calling signal*** is transmitted from the hands free kit circuitry to the handset circuitry, for requesting that the short message is to be sent to the hands free kit circuitry. More specifically, because the messages are not continuously broadcast from the handset circuitry to the hands free kit circuitry, as in *Lemaire*, in Claims 1 and 8, a short message calling signal is used. The short message calling signal is not disclosed in *Lemaire*, nor would it be obvious, as in *Lemaire* the messages are continuously broadcast to the receiver, making it unnecessary for the receiver to transmit a signal for requesting a message to the transmitter.

To summarize, it is again respectfully submitted that that the ***short message calling signal*** is not disclosed in *Lemaire*, nor would it be obvious, as the messages in *Lemaire* are continuously broadcast to the receiver, making it unnecessary for the receiver to transmit a

signal for requesting a message to the transmitter. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is incorrect in rejecting Claims 1 and 8 as being unpatentable over *Lemaire*, and it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Additionally, independent Claim 5 also recites transmitting *a short message calling signal* generated upon input by said user's voice command to said handset upon detecting said sound synthesis command. Accordingly, for the same reasons given above with regards to Claims 1 and 8, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is incorrect in rejecting Claim 5 as being unpatentable over *Lemaire*, and it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

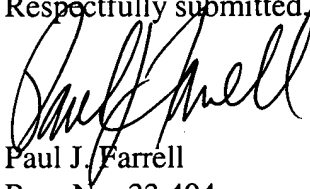
Without conceding the patentability *per se* of dependent Claims 2-4, 6-7, and 10, these claims are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2-4, 6-7, and 10 is respectfully requested.

Additionally, regarding the Examiner's statement that features relied upon in the previous argument (which are again presented above) are not recited in the claims, as was discussed and pointed out to the Examiner during the above-identified telephone interview, it is respectfully submitted that these features are in fact recited in the claims.

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Accordingly, all of the pending claims, i.e. Claims 1-8 and 10, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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